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Pub night band is anything but rusty

Toronto group wild but crowd stays tame

By Anita Filevski

When it comes to second albums, everyone always talks about the sophomore curse. Not so for Toronto-based band rusty.

Since releasing their first full-length album, Fluke, on the Handsome Boy label in 1995, rusty has been on a meteoric rise to success.

And now after having just released their second effort, Sophomoric, the band is back for more.

rusty showcased some of its new material to a packed crowd at Mrs. Robinson's in downtown Kitchener March 13. Although the event was deemed a Conestoga pub night, it was obvious it was an all-ages show.

And rusty did not disappoint. The band took the stage sometime around 11 p.m. and mixed old songs with new.

Fan favorites such as Groovy Dead and Misogyny roused up a rather lifeless crowd, while newer material such as Friends and Star received polite yet careful attention.

In an interview before the show, vocalist Ken MacNeil explained the band didn't feel any pressure for the new album to live up to the success of 1995's Fluke.

"That's for bands who are really into records and follow-up," MacNeil said.

Drummer Mitch Perkins said the band's songwriting process remains the same, which may explain the band members' laid-back attitude.

"It's organic, very natural," said Perkins of the process. "We do it all together, do all parts out of jamming."

The Mrs. Robinson's crowd, rather lifeless at first, tried to match some of the band's intensity, but just couldn't quite get into it. Disinterest? Definitely not. Rather, the crowd's spirit was dulled by some over-anxious bouncers, who were instantly on someone if there was even a hint of moshing. (By the way, congratulations to the guy in the Misfits T-shirt who managed to bodysurf for a whole five seconds).

MacNeil also seemed frustrated at times with the crowd's

tameness, so much so that at one point, he asked how many people would be willing to hail Satan. Unsatisfied with the response, he mumbled something that sounded like, "Well then I have nothing to say to you people," followed by, "I love you."

rusty ended the show by graciously thanking the crowd for coming out before leaving the stage.

But the crowd erupted into a rousing chorus of "bouncers suck", that is until people realized that wasn't going to get rusty back for an encore. And so they began chanting rusty's name in an effort to get the foursome back on the stage.

Before two minutes had passed, the band came out, proof rusty isn't into that rock-star thing where bands makes their fans wait for at least 15 to 20 minutes before they return to the stage for an encore.

rusty encored with two songs, ending off the performance with a track from Fluke, called Billy Boy.

The current tour will take rusty from coast to coast until the end of April.

Opening the show was London's Scratching Post, a band sure to catch some major attention in the coming months.

Vocalist Nicole Hughes woke up the crowd with her almost ranting vocal style. This, combined with her Justine Frischman-like stance, and her, at times, quiet, angel-like voice, made for a nice change of pace. Her tremendous guitar playing quickly proved to the crowd Hughes can crank out a riff alongside anyone, with an ease and an intensity the likes of which most people haven't seen in years.

The only low point of the performance was when some idiot (you know who you are) yelled out an obscenity at Hughes, which prompted her to respond, surprisingly rather politely, by dedicating the next song, Rock Past Me, to the moron and then glaring at him unwaveringly throughout the song.

Scratching Post played from 10 to 10:30 p.m., when CKWR 98.7 FM took over the stage with some prizes to give away.

The station gave away Conestoga-wear, rusty gear, and two tickets to see Phil Collins, a prize that went unclaimed through three calls of ticket numbers, until some brave soul mustered the courage to go up and accept them.

CKWR was hooked up to the rusty show all evening as part of its live-to-air series.



Ken MacNeil, of rusty.

(Photo by Anita Filevski)

Solar car a doubtful starter in midwest U.S. race

By Rick Kew

Spectre, Conestoga's solar car, may be sitting in the shade this summer, instead of competing in Sunrayce 97, scheduled for June 19-28 in the American Midwest.

Shin Huang, team leader for the project, said, "We didn't get funding from a source we had been counting on."

Huang, a third-year automated-manufacturing student, said the team had been expecting substantial funding that would have enabled it to purchase the two motors designed to power Spectre.

The motors, complete with controllers, have a value of \$37,000, said Evan Prentice, a first-year mechanical-engineering student. Prentice, one of about 15 active student members of the solar-car team, said, "We're about \$35,000 shy of the purchase price."

One reason the motors are so expensive, said team member Brent Clements, is their 90 to 95 per cent efficiency rating.

Clements, a first-year electronics-engineering-technology computer-systems student, said the brushless, direct-current, hub motors are manufactured by New Generation Motors, an American firm founded by university students who had competed in previous solar-car races.

Because of cutbacks, Huang said, the organization, which he did not want to name, could not make a cash donation to

the solar-car project. But, he said, "it is still a distant possibility the car will be ready for the qualifier."

The qualifying race for Sunrayce 97 is scheduled for the first week in May at the General Motors proving grounds in Milford, Mich. Part of the problem, said Huang, is the solar-car design is 99 per cent complete and a change in motors would require changes in how they are mounted to Spectre's frame.

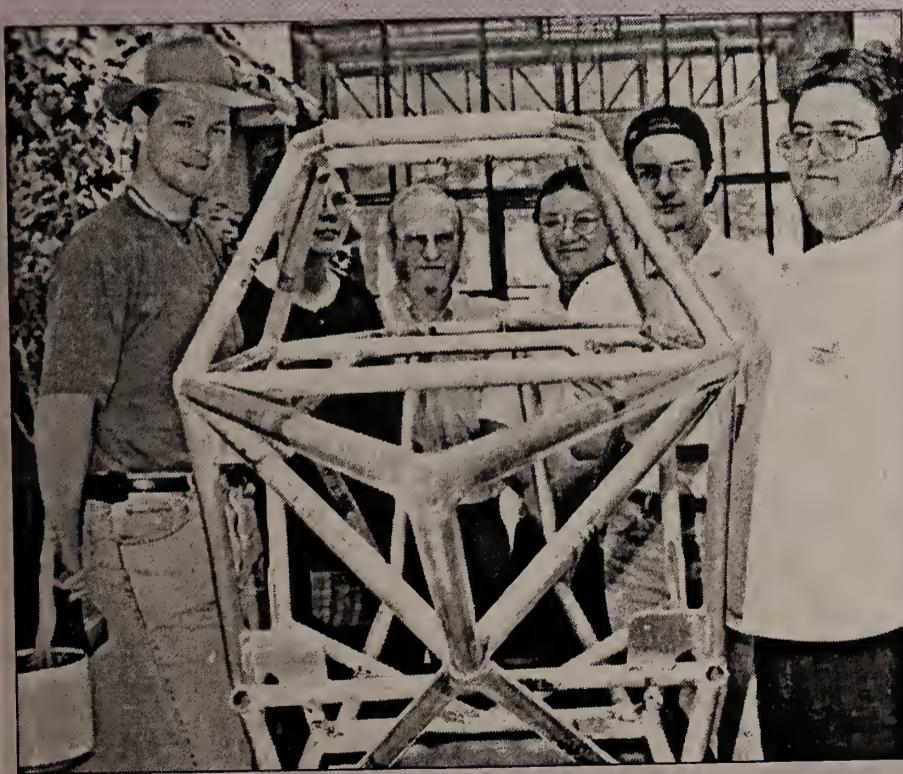
In addition to mounting changes, installation of new motors could lead to further redesign of the car, which takes time, he said.

If Conestoga can build this car and compete, said Prentice, it would prove our graduates are as good as anyone's.

"I think it's a mistake the college doesn't fund us," Prentice said. "Even if we finish dead last, it proves something about our program."

Although Conestoga should not be responsible for funding this type of project, said Huang, assistance could have been provided in other ways, such as more publicity and a mandate from the top to give as much help to the project as possible.

Huang, who has been involved with the solar-car project since its beginning in 1995, said even if the team doesn't race in Sunrayce 97, it should be ready for other solar-car events planned for early fall.



MAY NOT ENTER RACE — Members of Conestoga's solar-car team posed recently in the foyer of the Woodworking Centre, with the aluminum frame of their car, Spectre. From left, are students Evan Prentice, Jennifer Levitt and Shin Huang, faculty advisor Pat Tondreau, and students Mauricio Shular and Brent Clements. Lack of funds may ground the crew.

(Photo by Rick Kew)

Recent grad converts diploma into degree

By Colleen Cassidy

"It costs about \$15,000 for tuition and living expenses to spend one year at Northwood University, but when you consider you have a degree at the end of that year, it's worth it," said Duane Freer, during an information seminar on March 13.

Freer, a 1995 graduate of Conestoga's materials-management program and 1996 graduate of the business administration program at Northwood University in Midland, Mich., said the same \$15,000 would be spread over two or three years in a degree program at another university, and the extra time would be spent in school rather than in the work force.

Freer said costs are less if students live off campus.

Freer was at Conestoga to explain and answer questions about the agreement between the two institutions to convert a three-year business diploma from Conestoga to a four-year degree from Northwood.

He decided to attend North-

wood because he wanted a degree, but didn't want to spend two more years at school.

The course load is lighter at Northwood, said Freer. Except for special circumstances, students are limited to five courses a semester. To graduate in one year students usually need to attend three, four-month semesters including one during the summer.

Freer said classes are one hour long and are held two or three days a week.

He said there aren't as many assignments, and very few group assignments.

All professors are hired on one-year contracts which are renewed yearly based upon student evaluations, Freer said.

He said the professors at Northwood enjoy teaching international students because they take their education more seriously than American students do.

Freer said the degree is recognized by businesses in Ontario.

He said the graduation ceremony was on a Saturday, and he got a job at Sifto Salt Mines in Goderich the following Friday.

He knows several Canadian students who were hired soon after they graduated from Northwood.

Canadian students have also been hired for paid, year-long work terms by American business, Freer said.

OSAP may cover expenses at Northwood for qualifying students.

Daniel Toland, director of admissions at Northwood, was at the college with Freer.

Toland said Canadian as well as other international students are issued student visas when they register at the university.

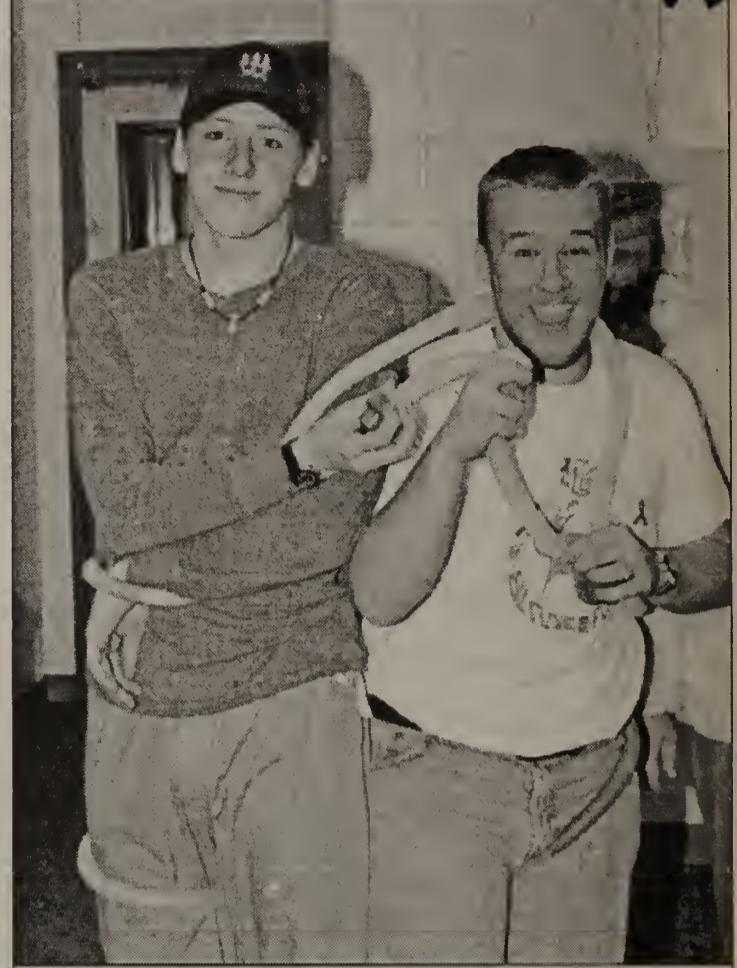
He said a student visa is something like a "green card" enabling students to live in the United States and cross the border with no problems from authorities.

Toland said international students should carry their visas with them at all times.

He said all Canadian students who have attended Northwood have been successful at the university.

As well as the Michigan campus, there are Northwood campuses in Florida and Texas.

Totally tubular!



Brian Bambrick (left) and Gerry Cleaves play Tuba-Luba in the sanctuary during Safe Break Awareness Week recently. The game was given away as a prize.

(Photo by Sara Maxim)

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Alternative delivery survey Students offer mixed feedback

By Tim Kylie

Carolyn Dudgeon, manager of alternative curriculum delivery methodologies, presented the results of a student survey about alternative delivery courses to college council March 10.

The survey of 506 out of 667 students in alternative-delivery courses last semester was taken in December.

About 30 per cent of respondents said they agreed or strongly agreed they feel comfortable about taking another alternative-delivery course. About 39 per cent disagreed or strongly disagreed with this statement, while nearly 29 per cent were undecided.

In alternative-delivery courses, students use a guidebook to learn independently with the support of a faculty advisor.

Students appeared to like the flexibility of the system. Eighty-four per cent agreed the independent-learning guide allowed them to work at the most convenient time, while over 90 per cent agreed it allowed them to work in the most convenient place.

However, 161 students (24 per cent) said their course would have been better if there had been a

teacher, and 95 (14 per cent) said the workload was the thing they liked least about their course.

Dudgeon noted the survey was taken at a time when students were worried about not passing and their anxiety may have affected their responses.

"I'm hearing from health sciences that the students are much happier now," she said.

Greg Burns of community services said recent improvements to alternative-delivery courses should overcome many of

the students' concerns.

For example, students in alternative-delivery courses will now sign out recommended videotapes from the learning-resource centre on their orientation day. Almost 28 per cent of respondents had not watched the tapes last semester while nearly 39 per cent said they considered them ineffective.

Burns said the tapes for his program are "extremely updated" and helpful. "I would use them myself."

College president John Tibbits said the college has learned it will have to "go a little slower" with alternative delivery.

"I'm glad we have the data," he said. "I think we've learned a thing or two."



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Open discussion and question period with President John Tibbits

International student profile

Cayman students feel the cold of winter

By Pat Craton

Even for those accustomed to Canadian winters, this one has been far from mild. For two Caymanian students here for their first winter, this weather has added to the feeling of homesickness which has made Canada feel even colder than it really is.

Randy Mellaneo, 19, and Earlton Bramble, 22, are the two students from the Cayman Islands studying in the electrical-engineering technician department at Conestoga.

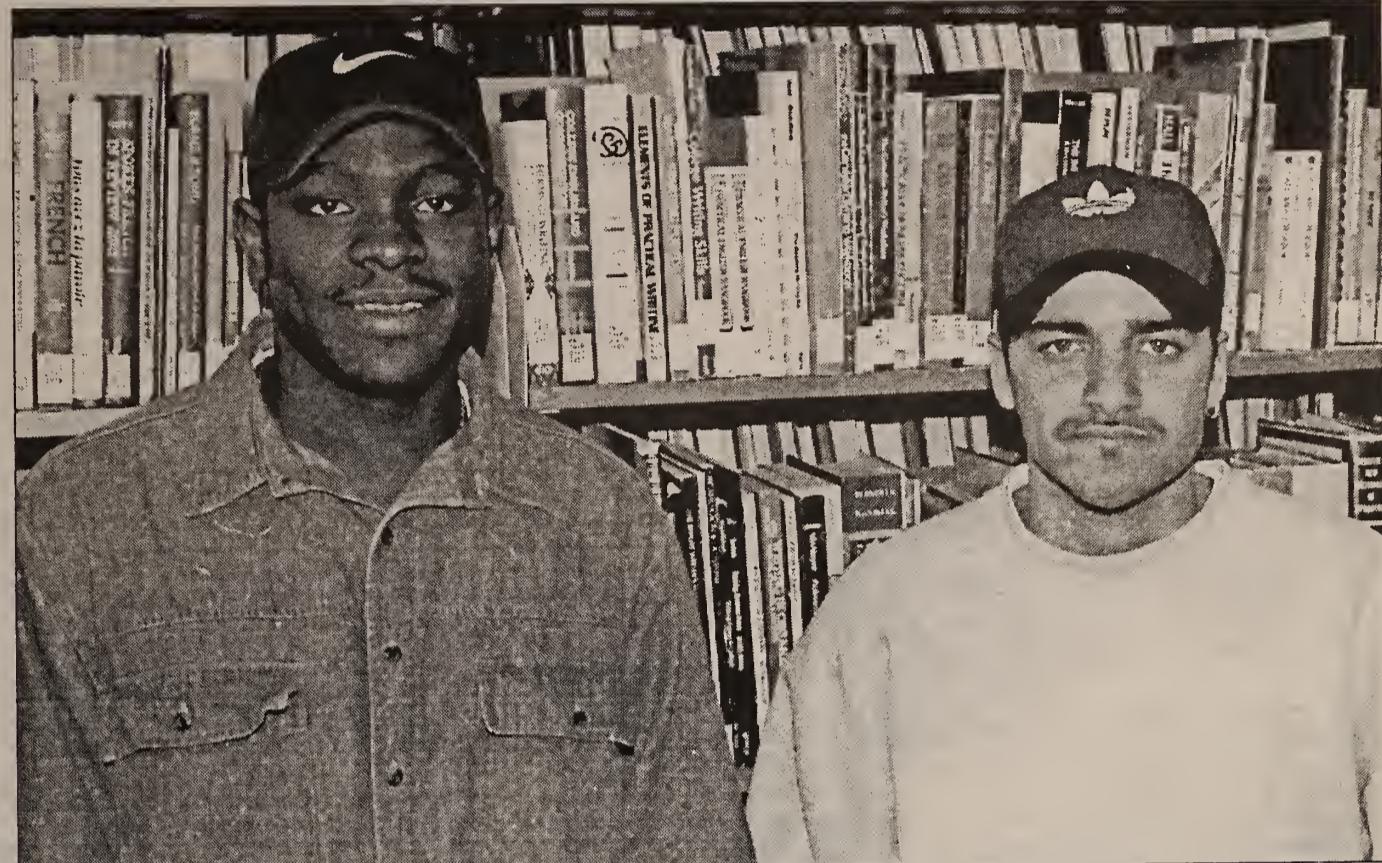
Besides being their first winter experience, this study abroad is their first extended period away from home. And they are feeling the effects of both first experiences.

Mellaneo and Bramble are in Conestoga on scholarships awarded by the Caribbean Utilities Co., the local Caymanian company supplying power and electricity to Grand Cayman, the largest of the three islands that make up the Cayman Islands.

Both students are shy and soft-spoken. They share similar feelings of their experiences thus far. Both found the first term challenging as it focused more on the theoretical side of electronics, in which they had little background. However, this second term is easier for them as the courses are more on electrical work which they have greater knowledge and experience.

Mellaneo said he is learning useful things here at Conestoga which will enable him to help the Caribbean Utilities Co., with its expansion plans. Bramble said he found the teachers at Conestoga adequate and they do not hesitate to offer extra assistance when required to do so.

It is only this term Mellaneo and Bramble are feeling a little more comfortable in speaking up when they do not understand something. The cultural barrier as well as the Caymanian character of being non-aggressive hindered them from maximizing on last term experiences because they were



Students Earlton Bramble (left) and Randy Mellaneo prefer the warmth of the library to the cold outside.

(Photo by Tim Kylie)

reluctant to ask for things to be repeated. They are getting better at speaking up, they said.

They are still struggling to become comfortable with the social side of life.

Mellaneo said while he expected Canada to be different from home, it didn't lessen the impact of the culture shock. The cold temperatures do not help either. The novelty of their first winter holds no attraction for these men, accustomed to the balmy tem-

peratures of the tropics, especially at this time of the year.

It is the cold that inhibits them from venturing out and participating more in social activities. Mellaneo said he took part in the snow-pitch game and it was fun while it lasted but he's not sure he'll want to do it again.

Asked what they miss most about home apart from the warm temperature, they said family, friends, beaches, local food, playing

soccer, fishing, and the freedom to move about without having to bother about the cold or rely on public transportation.

But they know how lucky they are to be receiving an overseas training. As Bramble sums it up for both of them, "Getting a scholarship is well worth the disadvantages of being away. We are grateful to the Caribbean Utilities Co., for providing us with the opportunities; otherwise, it would be a struggle back home."

Cayman Islands company sends students to Conestoga

By Pat Craton

Two students from the Cayman Islands studying at Conestoga are here because the company that awarded them scholarships recognized the quality of the college's program, said the vice-president of the company.

In an interview in the Cayman Islands, Eddie Powell, vice-president of Caribbean Utilities Co., said the company was first made aware of Conestoga College when one of its Canadian employees recommended Conestoga's electrical-engineering technician program to them.

Terry Wuschenny of Saskatchewan, who is a supervisor of a sub-station in the company's maintenance department, said he heard of the Conestoga program through alumni of Conestoga. He made inquiries about Conestoga's accreditation and then wrote to Conestoga for a prospectus.

After examining the prospectus, the company decided that what Conestoga offered was precisely what it needed.

Powell said the company did consider other colleges in Canada but settled on sending its first

trainee to Conestoga. This was in 1995.

It was not until the fall of '96, however, that the first two students arrived.

Powell said the company does a lot of in-house training and there is a training officer to co-ordinate all training but more than half its labor force - mainly the trained technical and administrative staff - are recruited overseas.

For this reason, the company is keen to set up plans to start training its nationals. Sending them overseas for training is the first step.

The company is planning on sending a third student in January 1998 to study in the electrical-engineering technician program.

Powell said there will be an assessment of the college's program when the students return to the Caymans after completing their studies.

Edris Ocho, training officer with Caribbean Utilities Co., said the strength of the Conestoga program was that it has a practical industrial base rather than a mainly theoretical one.

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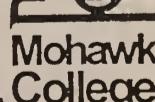
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Increased student aid no big favor

Live in a world where macaroni and cheese is a daily treat? Where a trip to McDonald's is considered a luxury? Where living on change from week to week is the norm?

Welcome to student life. I'll be your tour guide for the next little while, so put away your macaroni (don't worry, it's only temporary), sit back, and enjoy a non-brand-name juice box while you read.

In February, seven groups — representing college and university administrations, teachers, undergraduate and graduate students — pressed Ottawa for more student aid, and guess what? It worked.

Did I hear a victory cheer? Well, you can calm down because there's nothing to celebrate. Unless you like the fact that we'll be eating macaroni for the rest of our lives now.

On Feb. 5, Education and Training Minister John Snobelen announced the Ontario government is increasing student aid by 37 per cent for 1997-98. Gee, thanks John. Thanks a lot.

Hmmmm ... maybe we should all go out and buy new outfitts to celebrate. Good-bye Value Village, hello real stores. Oh, no. Wait.

Did I forget to mention Snobelen gave colleges and universities the option of raising tuition up to 10 per cent, and even 20 per cent in some programs? No? Oops.

By now we should know an increase in student aid always comes with strings attached. And we'll appreciate the help anyway because we have no choice.

It's either go to school, be poor for a really really long time and hope for a future, or become a fixture in some dead-end retail job.

We don't want more student aid. We need lower tuition rates, cheaper books, and decent food for a change. (No offence to Kraft, of course. Their macaroni and cheese isn't bad, for the few of us who can afford such brand names).

The point is we have to stop living in a dream world.

The groups that confronted Ottawa had some great suggestions: reinstating grants, modifying the loan-repayment plan, creating an educational savings plan which would allow tax-free savings.

These are all fine ideas, but it's time for us to realize the government isn't going to go along with any of them, especially when the cost of implementing them fully would be between \$400 and \$600 million annually.

And so we have to make a decision. Do we whine about more student aid? Or do we fight for a more affordable education without a lifetime of debt?

Kraft people, never fear. I say let the government eat macaroni and cheese for a change.

Maybe that doesn't sound realistic and perhaps it is a little abrupt, but students need to see one thing: an increase in student aid is not a victory.

It's a low blow to us and to our hopes for a higher education.



Anita Filevski

Student aid always comes with strings.

Humans need rights before animals do

On the television news an anchor warned viewers that upcoming scenes of a seal hunt were graphic and might offend some people. A fair enough warning, but why is there no warning of the graphic nature of footage carrying images of war, poverty, humans being shot, tortured, or injured on the news?

Our society is so desensitized to violence committed against human beings that we must be warned before watching an animal being violently killed, yet we need no advisory to watch the same violence being inflicted on humans.

It is frightening when we squirm and cover our eyes from the sight of a beaten dog, but sit watching with blank stares as images of malnutrition, civil strife, and human maiming flash across our television screens.



Lisa Kloepfer

Society needs to get its priorities straight. Organizations which advocate animal rights, like Animal Alliance of Canada, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals hold the opinion that animals are entitled to civil rights equal to humans.

This ideology is insane, and ironic. Which civil rights would these people like animals to be given? Animals are a distinctly different species from humans, and deserve far different treatment. This is not to say that brutalities performed upon any living creature should be tolerated, only that not all humans receive civil rights. Here lies the irony of the situation. When the issue of human rights and treatment has not yet been properly dealt with, how can we be expected to search for justice for animals?

Canada's branch of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals annual budget is \$10 million. Yet there are 1.3 billion people in the world who live in chronic poverty.

Yes, there is a need for the humane

society and animal control boards, but there is a greater need for support of organizations striving to maintain quality of life for humans. Organizations like UNICEF, and The United Way are underfunded and in need of money and support.

Society cannot continue to ignore human suffering. By ignoring the social injustices of humans and concentrating on the lesser creatures of the earth we are condemning ourselves to backward concepts.

In our world, dogs get sweaters and families live in the streets; children go hungry while cats eat "Fancy Feast." Family pets regularly visit the veterinarian, while humans go without vaccination and medicine.

Of course, people here have the right to live as they will, spend their money as they choose, and support the organizations of their choice. But, while we must care for all living creatures, caring for human beings should be our first priority.

Father Abraham, where are you now?



Tim Kylie

"Who is the wealthiest person in history?" a friend asked with a satisfied, all-knowing grin.

"The Queen, I suppose," I said, without looking up from the dishes.

"No, not even close," he said. "Try again."

"I don't know," I said, flicking a soap bubble at him, "Conrad Black?"

"Nope."

"J.D. Rockefeller? Henry Ford? Donald Trump?"

"Paltry riches. I'm talking about real wealth." My friend's tone was becoming more condescending.

"Oh, well, if you're talking real wealth, I have no idea what you have in mind," I answered truthfully.

"I'm surprised at you. Really I am. The wealthiest man in history was Father Abraham. He had land and cattle and servants and time to meditate and pray. He was given more descendants than there

are stars in the sky, and his name has blessed all nations."

My friend was on a roll and I was finished with the dishes. We took our conversation outside.

"You see those houses across the street?" he asked, sweeping his arm in three directions at once.

"Nice neighborhood," I replied naively. My friend shook his head. "Poverty. True poverty."

I looked around. Three-storey houses. Two-car garages. Swimming pools. A shiny red convertible with bucket seats and tinted windows.

I looked again. The car was parked on the street. The houses had no front yards and only about two inches between them. The garages were full of junk. Waves lapped the sides of the deserted pools.

Statistics show us that even the upper middle-class were going bankrupt in 1996, a year that saw a record 86,000 personal and business bankruptcies in Canada.

The corporate climbers slipped on a loose rung somewhere around middle management and dragged their mort-

gages and car payments down with them.

What has the accumulation of stuff brought them? Sky-high credit card bills and financial gurus trying to find a loophole. What has it brought the rest of us? Greater expectations and less gratitude for what we have.

Excluding the six per cent of Canadians who farm, not many of us would be satisfied with a good herd of cattle. We satisfy ourselves with huge houses on small plots of land.

Our lifestyle leaves no time for exploring life's mysteries through prayer or meditation. We shake our heads in judgement at impoverished third-world families who don't know enough to limit themselves to 2.2 children.

While we don't know the names of our great-grandparents, Abraham knew his fathers back to Adam.

He was given wealth to bless the nations. We use wealth as an end, destroying all nations who get in our way.

"Let's go for a bike ride," I said. "Maybe we can spot some deer down by the river."



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STUDENT LIFE

Hotel awards student with scholarship

By Ellen Douglas

On March 13 at the Waterloo campus the Four Points Hotel presented a student with a \$500 scholarship which was created to attract top-quality students to the food-and beverage-management program.

Michelle Miller, a first-year food- and beverage-management student, was the first recipient of newly created Four Points entrance scholarship.

Miller was chosen because, of the students who began the program in September, she had the highest marks coming out of high

school, according to the criteria of the scholarship.

Miller earned these marks while studying subjects such as art, drama, French and English at John Diefenbaker secondary school in Hanover.

Back then, she said, she had no idea what she wanted to do when

she was done high school. "But I tried to do my best and I'm happy I'm getting recognized for that."

She said her parents were a big help, encouraging her to always do the best she could.

Miller, who was outwardly nervous before the presentation, said she wasn't used to being the center of attention.

She said she didn't find out she was the recipient of the award until two weeks ago and when she did, she was completely surprised.

Miller said she chose this program because she liked to cook and wanted a good foundation with management as well as practical cooking.

She said cooking for fun and cooking for school is very different.

"You have to do it right the first time at school and you really have to know the techniques," she said.

Miller said she plans to put the \$500 towards tuition.

The presentation itself began with an overview by Conestoga president John Tibbits.

He said the purpose of the Four Points Scholarship was to "recognize academic achievement and make the program more appealing." He said this was especially important now as tuition is increasing.

Jackie Pratt and Pat Laskey presented the scholarship on behalf of the Four Points Hotel.

Laskey spoke about the warm relationship between Conestoga and the hotel.

She described an arrangement between the college and the Four Points Hotel as win-win.

In this arrangement, anyone connected with the college can receive a reduction in room cost at the hotel. In return Conestoga receives \$5 on each rebate.

Earlier on March 13, the food-and beverage-management program was presented with a cheque for \$400 from these rebates.



Award recipient Michelle Miller, a first-year food- and beverage-management student, offers truffles to, from left, college president John Tibbits, chair of the food- and beverage-management committee Phyllis Hinz, program co-ordinator Beth Esenberg and Jackie Pratt and Pat Laskey from the Four Points Hotel in Kitchener.

(Photo by Ellen Douglas)

Awards banquet to recognize those dedicated to special needs

By Lynn Jackson

An awards banquet to recognize those who have given special encouragement or help to Conestoga's special-needs students will be held on March 26, said Marian Mainland.

The award winners, from each of the three categories of faculty, staff, and student, have been chosen by a selection committee com-

prised of representatives from the special-needs advisory committee.

Those who will be receiving awards include Tony Kattenhorn for faculty, June Dahmer for staff, and Mirek Niedzialkowski.

The awards ceremony was the special-needs students' idea, said Mainland in a January interview, so that they could have a way to acknowledge that they couldn't have been successful here without

help from other people in the college.

The award winners will receive a plaque, said Mainland, while all those who were nominated will receive a certificate which recognizes their dedication and commitment to students with special needs.

The banquet will begin at 3 p.m. in room 2A11-3 and presentations will begin at 3:30 p.m.

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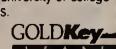


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STUDENT LIFE

Feast or Famine fund-raiser

Dinner represents global cultural differences

By Lynne Thompson

People who attended a Feast or Famine dinner in Kitchener on Saturday, March 15 got far more than they bargained for when they bought their tickets. Or in some cases, far less.

The fund-raising dinner was put on by four members of the Kitchener chapter of the nonprofit organization Canadian Crossroads International (CCI).

About 42 people, who were mostly university students, attended the interactive dinner, which was unlike anything they had experienced before.

Upon arrival at the dinner, held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on King Street in Kitchener, guests were given a new identity which included a name, a country and an occupation. Each table represented a country.

What the guests did not know when they paid for their tickets was that before the meal was served, everyone had to "work" to earn money in order to "pay" for their meals.

While those at the Canadian table were busy signing and stamping important documents, people in Gambia, Africa spent their time shelling peanuts which, to the dismay of those at the table, were immediately sent to Canada

for consumption.

The meal itself represented the differences within the cultures, said member Karen LeSage. Canadians were given a full pasta dinner including a salad, dinner roll, dessert and orange juice. The less fortunate in other countries found before them Kraft Dinner with plain white bread or rice with sauce.

People in Central-West Africa had a spicy peanut sauce and those from India had Dahl sauce, said CCI member Kirk Shutz, an engineering student at the University of Waterloo.

In an attempt to keep the evening as realistic as possible, the rich were served at their tables while the poor were required to line up for their food.

According to LeSage, an early childhood education student at Conestoga, the purpose of the dinner was to raise money but at the same time raise people's awareness about other cultures.

The money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the exchanges CCI members go on.

LeSage, for example, will be going to Fiji for 14 weeks in May. She said she will be living with a family and volunteering as a teacher, either in English or arts and crafts, depending on which area has the greater need.



ANOTHER ROUND — ECE student and Canadian Crossroads International member Karen LeSage serves orange juice to the "rich" citizens of each country at a Feast or Famine dinner. Money raised will help offset the cost of LeSage's exchange to Fiji in May.

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**College won't ban
smoking outside
main doors just yet**

By Tim Kylie

Conestoga won't develop a policy to ban smoking outside of main entrances before the end of the year, college president John Tibbits said at college council March 10.

Tibbits said the best approach for dealing with the issue would be to form focus groups made up of smokers and non-smokers to make suggestions about how the college can respect the needs of both parties.

One compromise solution might be to limit smoking to a couple of areas, he said.

He said it would be a mistake to clamp down on smoking too quickly.

"You run the risk of a rebellion. I think you have to write off the rest of this year," he said.

STUDENT LIFE

Value of exhibits questioned

Nursing students defend visual presentations

By Tim Kylie

A group of Conestoga nursing students displaying exhibits in the main corridors at Doon campus March 13 said "boost" and "inflate" are inappropriate words for describing the effect the project has on their marks.

The students were participating in a biology fair. Their exhibits make up the visual-presentation portion of their grade in physiology and pathology.

The question of what effect the visual presentation has on marks came up at college council recently when John Scott of the school of business asked why some students failed traditional tests in biology classes while no one failed the visual presentation.

Referring to a Jan. 20 memorandum from Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences, to Carolyn Dudgeon, manager of alternative

curriculum delivery methodologies, Scott said the pattern of marks outlined in it was unusual.

In the three alternative-delivery biology courses with a visual-presentation component, no student received below 80 per cent for the assignment in the fall semester. In physiology and pathology 4, 24 students received 100 per cent.

"Is this an added assignment put in that boosted everyone's mark up?" Scott asked.

Jeffrey said the visual assignment was added this year as a different way of showing what students have learned.

He said biology courses have always been too rigidly geared for tests and final exams.

"Basically, what I see in the visual presentations are some learners, many who traditionally have had an awful time with biology tests, doing an excellent job on the visual presentations."

The nursing students at the biology fair agreed with their dean.

"If you're the type of student who is very creative and visual, this type of assignment will improve your marks," said Lori McEnaney, a nursing student in her last semester.

The students said the visual

assignments are a lot of work.

First they had to submit a written proposal outlining their objectives for the project and the resources they would use.

Then, they had to delegate responsibilities. They had to go to places like the Heart and Stroke Foundation for information and

"talk to a lot of people." They had to put the exhibit together.

Finally, they had to make sure each member of their group could answer any questions an interested onlooker might have.

"What you see here is not all the work," one student said. The others readily agreed with her.



From left — Shannon Fallant, Cari Cushing and Krista Bastie, fourth semester nursing students, stand in front of their display. They were participating in one of the school of nursing's biology fairs at Doon campus Feb. 24.

(Photo by Matt Harris)

Hardman to speak at YWCA luncheon

By Anita Filevski

The YWCA of Kitchener-Waterloo's Club 84 will host a luncheon at Westmount Golf and Country Club March 25 where Judge Paddy Hardman will speak.

Hardman's talk will be on the legal status of women in Canada, from "non-person" times to the 21st century, said a YWCA news release.

Hardman was appointed to the Ontario Court's provincial division in 1991 and currently presides in young offender and family courts in Cambridge and Kitchener.

The Club 84 luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Club 84 is a donor club with over 325 members giving support to women, teenage girls and children staying at Mary's Place, said the release.

Mary's Place is located at the YWCA, 84 Frederick St. in downtown Kitchener. It is the Region of Waterloo's only general purpose emergency shelter for women, the release said.

For more information about the luncheon or to reserve tickets, call Mohini Athia at 744-6507.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Two students behind Aunt Betty's puppet show

By Tony Kobilnyk

When two Conestoga students applied for jobs with Aunt Betty's Rhubarb Pies, they only needed to know one recipe: the one for fun.

They may not have known that their co-workers would be a giant, a troll, a king and queen, a dragon and a snail but they did know their clients would be hundreds of screaming, fidgety and sometimes bratty kids.

Aunt Betty's is a small theatre company in Kitchener which features original plays and a cast of hand-made, soft-foam construction puppets ranging in size from just a few centimetres to almost three metres tall.

Kathy Hamilton, currently taking the fundraisers practitioners course at Conestoga, said she has been the producer for Aunt Betty's since January 1996. She looks after bookings, promotions, correspondence, props and whatever else is needed to put a show together.

Helene Beaulieu, a Conestoga journalism student, said she was hired in September 1995 as a puppeteer after sending a letter written in crayon to Jeff Sweeney, the founder and director of the company.

She is now the assistant artistic director and a partner in the company along with Hamilton, Sweeney and one other person, Garth Grimes.

Beaulieu said her time at Conestoga has helped with the day-to-day operations of the theatre company. "Journalism has helped me understand the media, write press releases, create posters using desktop publishing as well as take publicity shots for our posters."

Hamilton, who is also a graduate of the



The cast of *UnFairytale* includes two larger than life puppets; Witch (left) is played by Tom Leslie and King is played by Cory Martin. The non-puppets in the photo are (from left) Helene Beaulieu, Kathy Hamilton and Jeff Sweeney. (Photo by Tony Kobilnyk)

recreational-leadership program at Conestoga, said she learned a great deal of organizational skills while at the college.

Although the two students lead busy lives without being involved with the theatre company, they are very committed to the success and continuation of the company.

"We're going to be bigger than Barney as

far as I'm concerned," Hamilton said. "Kids have fun and we talk to them at a more challenging level."

The City of Waterloo recently sponsored the production of a promotional video for the company which will be sent to schools and private organizations that are interested in booking a performance.

"We're getting out there," Beaulieu said.

"I get recognized sometimes in the grocery store by kids from schools or libraries that we were at. I've even had them ask for my autograph."

Aunt Betty's performed at Kitchener public library on March 11 to one of their largest crowds. About 130 children and parents attended their original play called *UnFairytale*.

Movie review

Perry and Hayek make perfect fools

By Lynne Thompson

One laugh after another: That's the only way to describe *Fools Rush In*.

Based on a true story, this romantic comedy will have everyone laughing so much their sides

will hurt.

Alex Whitman (Matthew Perry, TV's *Friends*) is a fast-paced, workaholic bachelor from New York.

While working on a real estate development project in Las Vegas, he meets a beautiful, carefree,

young Mexican girl, Isabel Fuentes (Selma Hayek, *From Dusk 'Til Dawn*), who believes in fate.

Fate, in this case, leaves Isabel pregnant after a one-night stand with Alex. The marriage that results is full of love and cultural clashes.

Perhaps the most trying issue for

the young couple is where to live and raise their child.

For Alex, New York is the only city in which he wants to live. He seems more married to his job than he does to Isabel at times.

Isabel, on the other hand, sees family as the most important thing in her life. She wants to stay in Las Vegas to remain near her family in

Mexico.

The chemistry between these two main characters is right there for all to see. The relationship which develops is extremely believable.

It is a joy to watch the couple interact on the screen and the audience experiences their emotions right along with them.

The writers of *Fools Rush In* added a little extra interest for those who were paying close attention. Several times there were references to pop culture, such as TV's *Ricky and Lucy Riccardo*, *Elvis Presley* and *Star Wars*.

One of the drawbacks of this movie is its predictability. Replace the characters and change the plot slightly and this could be almost any other love story that Hollywood has produced.

Another minor problem with the movie is Matthew Perry. Although his acting is, as always, excellent, *Friends* fans will instantly recognize his character of Chandler Bing.

In *Fools Rush In*, many of Perry's mannerisms and his annunciation of certain words are reminiscent of Chandler.

Overall, the good far outweighs the bad in *Fools Rush In*. It is sappy and it is predictable, but it is also downright hilarious.

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STUDENT LIFE

Jughead brings distinct sounds to Sanctuary

Conesoga crowd unimpressed with Toronto band's eclectic jug-band style

By Lynn Jackson

Despite an unresponsive crowd in the Sanctuary, Jughead gave a solid performance at Tuesday's free Nooner.

After a lengthy sound-check, the band opened with their own rendition of an old Scottish tune they call, Andrew, where are your trousers?

Although the band is made up of 10 people, only six members were present at Tuesday's performance. "It was kind of a skeleton performance," said Andrew Queen, the band's lead vocalist.

A February press release describes Jughead's music as, "an infectious sound rooted in traditional country/blue-grass, spiced with a distinct Maritime flavor."

Describing themselves as a "basic jug-band, with a bit of blues and country mixed in", Jughead is made up of Mike Smith on washboard, Nick Tjelios on mandolin, John Mets on spoons, Todd Gallant on gut-bucket, and twin brothers Andrew Queen on vocals, acoustic guitar and percussive instruments, and Doug Queen on accordion.

Although Andrew Queen did most of the lead vocals, other band members got their turn at vocals as the players switched spots and sometimes even instruments.

Although there was a fair turnout for the performance, the crowd dwindled until an audience of about 20 people were left to see the end of the show.

In response to the small and unresponsive audience, Smith said, "It was a lunchtime show,



Jughead brought their maritime/ blue-grass sound to students in the sanctuary at Tuesday's nooner.

(Photo by Lynn Jackson)

and I guess people's minds were on their schoolwork and classes. We saw some people enjoying it, so it was worth it."

First-year early childhood education student Tara Noble said she liked the music. "I've grown up with this kind of music. It reminds

me of bands from New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

Second-year law and security administration student Doug Sheppard said, "It's a different sound. It's something out of the ordinary. You don't hear it everyday."

Based in Toronto, Jughead first started about seven years ago, said Smith. "It was basically just a bunch of us getting together and letting loose."

Since then they have put out two CDs including 1993's release Uncorked and their latest release Got'em, Got'em, Need'em, Got'em. The last release has a CD-ROM portion which offers more than 30 minutes of video, bonus music, and interactive games.

Their influences include "everything from Stompin' Tom to Motorhead," said Smith.

The band has opened for the Maritime band Great Big Sea, and have played with other Canadian bands like the Mahones.

This summer, said Smith, the band plans on doing most of their performances at festivals across Ontario and possibly a few shows in the Maritimes.

Members who were not present at the performance include Dan Oullett on harmonica and harps, Christopher Quinn on banjo, Brian Morgan on fiddle, and Michael "Lopez" Phillips on the six- and 12-string acoustic guitars.

CD Review

Compilation offers much music

By Lisa Kloepfer

Featuring songs from a number of alternative bands, Much Music's *Big Shiny Tunes* offers listeners a good mix of music.

The recording includes Canadian bands such as I Mother Earth, Moist, and Sloan, as well as other favorites like Radiohead and Porno for Pyros.

The CD is a collection of popular radio songs that alternative listeners will like. But, fans of these bands may find the selection of songs suffer from radio over-play. Avid radio listeners might not want to rush out to get this one.

Some of the songs don't fit the sequence of the CD, either. Take for example Marilyn Manson's Sweet Dreams. It precedes the Fun Lovin' Criminals' Scooby Snacks. These two tracks contain different musical beats and styles, which leaves the listener jolted by the cross-over.

Also, some of the artists featured are placed out of their league. The deservedly established Red Hot Chili Peppers do not belong in the same class as the Fun Lovin' Criminals; with their lyrics "Running around robbing banks all whacked on Scooby Snacks."

Yet, Much Music has seen fit to place both of these bands relatively close to each other on the CD.

The liner notes of the CD act to promote the bands on the disc. Lists of songs, as well as photos of the group's CD covers are featured. This way, listeners with expendable incomes can run out and buy the whole CD if they like what they hear on the compilation.

The songs chosen for the CD are not necessarily the best from each band's album. Beck's Novacane comes in a close second to the other songs featured on his current release *Odelay*.

Also on this recording is Garbage's debut single Queer from their self-titled release.

A surprisingly good song on the CD is the Foo Fighter's Alone and Easy Target. This song is placed well, following Limblifter's Tinfoil, since both songs have similar styles.

Sometimes, songs which received heavy air-play when first released are featured on CDs boasting the latest hits.

But, *Big Shiny Tunes* does not disappoint listeners by shafting them with remixes of old songs. Each track is relatively recent, or is still getting radio time.

Other groups featured are Poe, the Killjoys, Pluto, Better than Ezra, and Bush X.

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STUDENT LIFE

Volunteer centre finds increasing student interest

By Hélène Beaulieu

Volunteering is a great opportunity for students to gain experience and acquire job skills that will help them in the workplace says Reva Cooper, executive director of the Volunteer Action Centre in Waterloo.

Cooper said employers are beginning to realize that the skills obtained through volunteering are very transferable to the work environment.

She said volunteer centres are finding an increasing number of students and the unemployed interested in volunteering.

Cooper said research has been done to determine the kinds of transferable skills companies look

for when they hire people.

"And if you compare that to the kinds of skills people say they get through volunteering, they're the same," she said.

"I really think that involvement on boards is great experience for students."

*Reva Cooper
VAC executive director*

The Volunteer Action Centre works with about 120 charitable organizations serving the local community and has 600 different

positions available at any one time.

Cooper said the centre needs roughly 2,500 new volunteers annually to maintain existing positions.

She said changes allowing clients self-serve access to information resulted in a 60 per cent increase in the number of new volunteers using the centre between April 1 and Sept. 30 of 1996.

Cooper said one of the defining characteristics of a charitable organization is that it has a board of volunteers representative of the community.

She said these days, organizations are looking for board members who have the business, planning and fund-raising skills to lead them through downsizing.

"I really think that involvement on boards is great experience for students," said Cooper.

It is an area often forgotten by people, she said, but the planning, leadership, communication and teamwork skills acquired through board membership are what companies look for in their employees.

The nature of volunteering has changed since the '80s, said Cooper. She said there are a lot of people who are unable to make a long-term commitment to volunteer. Because of this she said, organizations have found enterprising ways of dealing with long waiting lists and the need for volunteers.

"The organizations that are still recruiting and working with volunteers the way they did 20 years

ago, aren't doing very well," said Cooper.

Cooper said Big Sisters has developed a "homework helpers" program that matches a volunteer with a child to help with homework once a week after school.

She said in order to develop a relationship with their little sisters, volunteers have traditionally been required to agree to a minimum one-year commitment.

The new program, said Cooper, enables volunteers to work with kids on a short-term basis while still meeting the needs of little sisters.

Cooper said she believes volunteering works best if the needs of both the organization and the volunteer are being met.

Scout organization serves K-W community

By Anita Filevski

The First Waterloo Regional Police Rovers, some of whose members are Conestoga students, have been volunteering their services to the Kitchener-Waterloo area for almost three years now.

In May, the group, whose members have been heavily involved in local scouting organizations for years, will hold a bike rodeo on Maple Grove Road in Cambridge.

Scott Moore, co-founder and secretary for the Rovers, and a second-year University of Waterloo anthropology major, said the Rovers are still a fairly new organization.

The Rovers, a group of seven students aged 18 and over, are sponsored by the Waterloo Regional Police Association. The group helps the local police force at the annual circus, is involved

with various campsites, and volunteers its services at citizenship ceremonies.

This year, the Rovers will work alongside the public-relations branch of the police force at the bike rodeo.

The rodeo is for members of cubs, a scouting organization of boys from ages eight to eleven.

The cubs will bring their bikes to the event, where the group will engrave their parents' driver's license numbers on the bikes.

The cubs will also be tested on riding skills and bicycle road safety.

The Rovers were formed by Moore and two other members who felt that the existing scouting organizations were aimed to the younger age group of 14 to 18.

Moore said his involvement with the Rovers has taught him discipline, given him valuable leader-

ship skills, and has raised his awareness of the needs of the community.

And now that the Rovers have established themselves as a serious organization, Moore said the group has become more focused.

"At first we were really lost," he said. I don't think we were ready for the responsibilities that came with the group."

Yet Moore is careful to point out the value of scouting organizations working together in the community.

Trees for Canada, an annual event for scout groups in the district, collects donations from individuals in the community to plant trees in locally depleted areas. This year the trees, mostly pine, will be planted April 26.

For more information please contact district headquarters at 742-8325.

Continuing-education survey Conestoga in top third

By Bob Puersten

An independent survey of continuing education students shows Conestoga's students to be satisfied with the college and their learning experience here.

Compustat Consultants had recently released a report outlining the results of the survey which ranked Ontario's 23 community colleges in terms of 46 categories.

The survey report looked at a wide variety of factors affecting students' experiences of continuing education courses specifically and of the college in general.

These categories ranged from how easy or difficult it is to reach the college and get information by telephone, through the ease of registration, the cleanliness of the availability of services (such as the library, the bookstore, the

cafeteria, and parking), to the quality of the courses and instructors.

Conestoga rated in the top three in 13 of these categories, said Conestoga's director of continuing education, Dave Stewart.

In the area of the students' appreciation for the learning experience at Conestoga, which rated various aspects of the courses, the instructor, and the college, scored 76 to 96 per cent either excellent or good, according to the report.

Of 22 questions rating the services of the colleges, Conestoga ranked in the top three for all of them.

"I think that we generally have very satisfied continuing education students who enjoy learning at this institution," said Stewart in response to the release of the survey.

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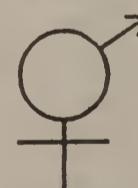
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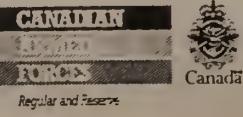
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SPORTS

Condors end season in national playoffs

By Pat Craton

The 1996-97 season was a learning experience for Conestoga's men's hockey team, says Tony Martindale of the Condors' performance this season.

In a telephone interview, Martindale, who is in his second year as coach of the Condors, said the team did not live up to its own high expectations.

Last season, the team placed first in its division with 12 wins, one tie and one loss. This season, the team placed third, thereby missing the playoffs as only the two top teams qualify. "From that standpoint, this year was not nearly as successful," Martindale said.

The irony, though, is that having done so well during the regular season last year, the Condors did not even make the Ontario final (they lost 6-5 to Seneca in overtime in the semi-final) but this year they were guaranteed a spot in the nationals because they were the host team.

"Playing this year in the nationals makes up for last year," Martindale said referring to last year's letdown.

This year's Condors are a young team. "We lost the captains and most of our veteran players from last year through graduation," Martindale said.

The team's inexperience was evident at the beginning of the season. Two games which they lost early in the season, against Sanford Fleming and Seneca, hurt them. Had they won those, they

certainly would have been in the Ontario championships, Martindale said.

The team got stronger as the season went on. Conestoga beat Seneca twice since that first loss but it was not enough to edge them out of second place.

The acquisition of goaltender Darryl Whyte in December gave the Condors a boost. Whyte came to Conestoga fresh from playing with the Kitchener Rangers. He was one of the reasons why the Condors played better down the stretch, said Martindale.

"It's what every coach wants - to save the best hockey for the final game."

*Tony Martindale
Condor coach*

Martindale pointed out that because this year's team had trouble scoring goals, most of the goals which were scored were the result of hard work and total team effort. The team relied heavily on Whyte and on the forwards to back check to play total team defence. There were no outstanding individuals.

Martindale said his philosophy is to play everyone. "In order to be a good team, you have to use everybody. Everybody needs to play and participate in order to feel

involved. Other coaches might use just two lines but I believe in using everybody."

One of the high points of the season for Martindale was being told by the coaches of the University of Western Ontario and University of Toronto that they rated Conestoga highly. They both felt that Conestoga was a good college team and it could compete at their (university) level.

Martindale expects next year's team to have better results because most members of this year's team are returning. He hopes to do some recruiting by looking at some Junior B and C players. He'll also be selling Conestoga in Ohio when the team makes its annual trip in November to participate in a two-game series against Ohio colleges.

Over the past weekend, Conestoga was to host the national colleges championships. Martindale said the Condors will make the most of the opportunity that has been given them by playing their best hockey.

"It's what every coach wants - to save the best hockey for the final game."

The Condors were given a berth in the nationals because of a new ruling which gives the host team the third spot in the championships. Although Conestoga hosted the nationals last year it did not participate as the rule was not in effect then. More interest in the nationals should be generated locally by allowing the host to participate, Martindale said.

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Traffic piles up in front of Darryl Whyte, goaltender for the Condors. Whyte, however, was playing for a select intra-mural team against his team-mates in an exhibition game on March 13 at the recreation centre.

(Photo by Pat Craton)

Curling teams sought to help local hospice

By Hélène Beaulieu

The Hospice of Waterloo Region is looking for curling teams to participate in its first annual Curling Appealspiel to be held April 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Granite Club in Kitchener.

Money raised from the event will go to help match palliative care volunteers to provide emotional support and caregiver relief to children, teens, adults and their families facing a life-threatening illness. This year's goal is to raise \$14,000.

No curling experience is necessary to participate. Beginner, novice and expert players are all welcome and teams will be matched by skill level.

Each team is guaranteed participation in at least two matches and will be given a continental breakfast, hot lunch, promotional T-shirt and a chance to win one of several door prizes.

Thirty-two four person teams are

needed for the event.

Teams are required to have a minimum of \$400 in sponsorship per four member team in order to participate. Prizes will be awarded for teams achieving higher levels of sponsorship.

For teams with sponsorship over \$1,250 each member will win the choice of a Sony Walkman or cordless phone donated by Bell.

Sponsorship over \$2,000 will win team members a 35-millimetre camera or VCR.

Teams with over \$4,000 in sponsors will win a 21-speed mountain bike or 21-inch color television.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning team and the one with the highest level of sponsorship.

The hospice is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization that receives 83 per cent of its funding through community donations and fund-raising events like this one.

For more information contact Sandra at 743-4114.



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